

***Newly renewed grant will support plans to expand services to 550 veteran households***

Rochester, NY – Congresswoman Louise Slaughter (NY-28) today announced that the Veterans Outreach Center (VOC) has been awarded a \$987,500 grant from the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs to provide services to veterans in Western New York. The grant is provided under the Supportive Services for Veteran Families Program, and will help the Veterans Outreach Center improve housing stability for low-income veterans and their families in Rochester and the counties of Orleans, Monroe, Wayne, Livingston, and Ontario.

"The Veterans Outreach Center is a wonderful organization that provides tremendous support to our veterans and their families," said Slaughter. "I am so pleased to announce this grant and happy that it will allow the VOC to continue its vital work, serving the veterans of Western New York. Our men and women in uniform sacrifice so much to protect our freedoms and I will continue to fight to ensure that they have the necessary support resources while on active duty and once they have transitioned to civilian life."

Founded in 1973, the Veterans Outreach Center provides supportive services for veterans and their families. The VOC provides wellness services, legal and financial support, education counseling services, residential programs and employment resources. Slaughter recently partnered with the VOC to provide employment and entrepreneurial support services to local veterans through an event hosted at Nazareth College.